

# Regular Meeting Gravette City Council

May 26, 2011

6:00 pm

401 Charlotte Street SE

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Warren at 6:00 p.m. A roll call attendance was taken. Tina Crose here, Bill Howard here, Jimmy Denver here and John Rambadt here, Melissa Smith here. Larry Stidham was absent. City Attorney Tom Smith and City Recorder/Treasurer Mike von Ree were present. Dr. Kepler, Pastor at Heritage Baptist Church gave the opening prayer. Mayor Warren led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Motion to Approve Agenda**

A motion was made by Smith to approve the agenda for the meeting. Crose seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed.

## **Comments from the Citizens:**

Margo Thomas told the council that some of the people living at the Billy V. Hall Senior Housing complex were unsure of the purpose of the storm warning sirens. Mayor Warren told Ms. Thomas that when the sirens are turned on it means that rotation has been detected or that a tornado is on the ground and moving is moving toward the city. A call is received from the Office of Emergency Services advising the city to sound the sirens.

## **Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting 4/28/2011**

Minutes of the April 28, 2011 Council Meeting were reviewed. Rambadt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Denver seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed.

## **Minutes of the Special Council Meeting 5/8/2011**

Minutes of the special council meeting of May 8, 2011 were reviewed. Denver made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Crose seconded the motion. A vote was taken, four ayes, Howard abstained, motion passed.

## **Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meetings 5/12/2011**

Minutes of the May 12, 2011 Committee of the Whole Meetings were reviewed. . Rambadt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Denver seconded the motion. A vote was taken, four ayes, Howard abstained, motion passed.

## **New Business**

### **Appointment of Andrea Kelly to the Planning Commission**

Rambadt made a motion to approve the appointment of Andrea Kelly to the planning commission. Denver seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes motion passed.

## **Ordinance for Flood Damage and Prevention**

City Attorney Smith read an ordinance to rescind Ordinance 03-20 and adopt an ordinance for a Flood Damage Prevention Program. Rambadt made a motion to approve the first reading and place the ordinance on second and third readings by title only. Denver seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Crose aye, Howard aye, Denver aye, Smith aye, Rambadt aye, all ayes, motion passed. Attorney Smith read the ordinance by title only. Rambadt made a motion to "Do Pass". Denver seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Crose aye, Howard aye, Denver aye, Smith aye, Rambadt aye, all ayes, motion passed. Ordinance number 11-09 was assigned.

## **Hendren Lot Split**

Attorney Smith read an ordinance to approve a lot split requested by Kim and Marylea Hendren. Denver made a motion to approve the first reading and place the ordinance on second and third readings by title only. Rambadt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Crose aye, Howard aye, Denver aye, Smith aye, Rambadt aye, all ayes, motion passed. Attorney Smith read the ordinance by title only. Denver made a motion to "Do Pass". Smith seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Crose aye, Howard aye, Denver aye, Smith aye, Rambadt aye, all ayes motion passed. Ordinance number 11-10 was assigned.

## **Amendments to Policies and Procedures Manual**

Howard made a motion to approve the amendments to the policies and procedures manual. Denver seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed.

## **Ordinance to Allow R&R Solutions to do Business with the City of Gravette**

Attorney Smith read an ordinance to allow R&R Solutions to do business with the City of Gravette. After discussion, the council agreed that hourly rates needed to be added to the ordinance. Those rates are \$75.00 per hour for work on vehicles weighing 2,000 pounds or more and \$50.00 per hour for vehicles weighing less than 2,000 pounds. Denver made a motion to approve the first reading as revised and place the ordinance on second and third readings by title only. A roll call vote was taken, Crose aye, Howard aye, Denver aye, Smith aye, Rambadt abstained. Attorney Smith read the ordinance by title only. Denver made a motion to "Do Pass". Crose seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, Crose aye, Howard aye, Denver aye, Smith aye, Rambadt abstained. Four ayes, one abstained, motion passed. Ordinance number 11-11 was assigned.

## **Approval of Rocky Dell Road/Ridge Road Water Line Upsizing**

This issue was tabled to the June 9, 2011 Committee of the Whole meeting.

## **Rescind Ordinance for Day Care at Jackson Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW**

The issue was referred to the Planning Commission for rezoning to R-1 single family residential.

## **Comments from City Council Members**

Howard asked when the pool would be opened. Mayor Warren told the council that it is scheduled to open on June 3, 2011. Howard also voiced a complaint about the step up at the entrance to the pool. Mayor Warren will address the issue.

Rambadt told the council that an officer will be going to Illinois to pick up the second ambulance on Friday May 27, 2011.

Denver commended Mayor Warren for his effort concerning the city's waste water treatment facility upgrades.

Melissa Smith felt that the funds needed for painting of the Lion on the new water tower would be better spent painting the water tower on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW.

Mayor Warren talked about our radio read meters. He told the council that he had contacted a company that has a auto-read system that uses an infrared signal and can be read from one location for a two mile radius. These meters could replace all of the meters within the city limits and be read in city hall. Water west will still need to be read with the radio read meters. Mayor Warren suggested using the \$100.00.00 left over from the Water West Project to upgrade to the infrared readers. The savings in water losses would pay for the upgrade in three years. These readers have no moving parts and therefore should not break down.

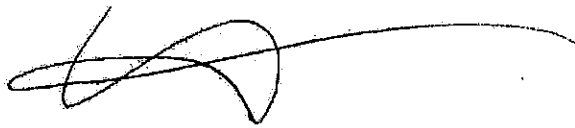
Mayor Warren will get cost estimates to do the maintenance and painting of the 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW water tower.

Mayor Warren told the council that the compressor at the fire department required \$1,000.00 in maintenance.

Mayor Warren told the council that he would have a list of all projects accomplished year-to-date and expenditure year-to-date at the Committee of the Whole meeting on June 9, 2011.

Mayor Warren reported that he had been in Little Rock the last three days attending an Arkansas Rural Development convention. Several seminars were attended. He also discussed the status of our sewer upgrade with Teresa Marks of ADEQ. Once our bonds are in place repairs can commence. Mayor Warren asked for a six month extension from ADEQ to determine if we can meet our effluent levels during cold weather. At present, the city is meeting its required limits.

A motion to adjourn was made by Denver and seconded by Smith. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Michael von Ree', written over a horizontal line.

Michael von Ree  
City Recorder/Treasurer